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SUBJ: RHODESIAN RAIL FREIGHT AND SAR

1. CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT (PARLIAMENTARY) OF SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAYS (SAR) SAID IN JUNE 10 JOHANNESBURG STAR INTERVIEW THAT ALL RHODESIAN RAIL FREIGHT COULD NOT RPT NOT BE HANDLED THROUGH SOUTH AFRICA IF MOZAMBIQUE CLOSES ITS PORTS TO RHODESIAN GOODS. SUPERINTENDENT P.H. DE BRUIN INDICATED THAT SAR COULD ASSIST IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, BUT TO ATTEMPT TO TAKE ALL FREIGHT WOULD BE "INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM." DE BRUIN WAS REPLYING TO JUNE 9 STATEMENT IN BULAWAYO BY GORDON HANDOVER, PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF RHODESIAN INDUSTRIES, THAT RHODESIAN EXPORTERS HAVE TO WORRY ONLY ABOUT PAYING HIGHER COSTS FOR RAILING GOODS IN EVENT OF CLOSURE.

2. ONLY DIRECT SA-RHODESIAN RAIL LINK IS THROUGH BORDER TOWN OF BEIT BRIDGE. THIS LINE, OPENED SEPTEMBER 1974, CURRENTLY OPERATING AT ABOUT ONE-THIRD POTENTIAL CAPACITY. IN ORDER TO

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REACH MAXIMUM OF 12,000 TON/DAY, LINE WOULD HAVE TO BE STRENGTH-

ENED AND STEAM LOCOS BE REPLACED BY DIESEL ELECTRIC TRACTIONM
LINE FROM BULAWAYO THROUGH BOTSWANA TO MAFEKING REPORTEDLY NOW
OPERATING NEAR FULL CAPACITY.
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